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CIA Head Supports Dodd Story

**Helms Tells Stennis
1964 German Visit
Involved Security**

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., was in touch with the Central Intelligence Agency "both before and after" Dodd's controversial trip to Germany in 1964, CIA Director Richard Helms has told the Senate Ethics Committee.

Helms' letter, which Dodd asked him to write, was re-

leased Tuesday by Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., the Ethics Committee chairman.

It was written by Helms July 14, five days prior to Julius Klein's appearance before the Ethics Committee in connection with the investigation of the relationship between the senator and the public relations man.

In releasing the letter today, Stennis said it had been handed to him by a representative of the intelligence agency "who stated that it was in response to inquiries made by Senator Dodd."

Dodd's trip to Germany in 1964 is the central issue of one phase of the investigation. Whether the senator acted as Klein's "errand boy" abroad in boosting Klein's stock with top German officials

Dodd contended at the hearing that he went to Germany on a mission for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, which he heads, to find out all he could about a Soviet-inspired assassination ring and interview Bogdan Stashinskiy, a former member of that ring who was in a German prison. Helms wrote the Ethics Committee as follows:

"In connection with the committee's inquiry into his activities, and particularly with respect to his development of material for the study subsequently published under the title, 'Murder International Inc.', Sen. Thomas J. Dodd has asked that this agency confirm the fact of his contacts with this agency for such use and consideration as the (Ethics) committee may deem appropriate.

"Senator Dodd and his assistant, David Martin, were in contact with representatives of the agency intermittently both before and after the senator's trip to Germany in April of 1964 in an effort to obtain as much information on the subject as could be made public at that time.

"In response to Senator Dodd's requests, this agency cooperated with the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in the preparation of this study by providing certain background material on Soviet murders, assassinations and kidnappings. Particular attention was given to the case of Bogdan Stashinskiy by the subcommittee, and this agency, since a great deal of information about the case was a matter of record and could be made public.

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"Our field representative reported that while in Bonn, Senator Dodd and Martin also met with Hubert Schruebers, director of the (West German) Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution, to discuss the same subject.

"Following Senator Dodd's return to the United States, a considerable amount of time was spent in obtaining such follow up information as could be obtained both here and abroad."

Helms apparently knew that the letter had a good chance of being made public, for Dodd's lawyers asked Stennis to include it in the record of the committee's hearing on the Dodd - Klein matter.

Klein was in trouble in Germany at the time of Dodd's trip because of a bad press. The German newspapers had made him out to be a scoundrel as a result of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's investigation of him and other

foreign agents in previous year.

Dodd testified that he would have been glad to boost Klein's stock in Europe, and, indeed, did so in a conversation with former German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. But Dodd denied he went to Germany for Klein, who had urged him to go and had supplied him with "briefing memos" on whom to see and what to say.

Senator Dodd was scheduled to undergo interrogation by lawyers for columnists Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson this afternoon after a federal judge ruled in his favor on the issue of where the interrogation should take place.

Sworn statements will be taken from the Connecticut senator in his own office by lawyers Warren Woods and John Donovan, representing Anderson and Pearson respectively, during the remainder of the week in connection with Dodd's \$2 million libel-conspiracy suit against the columnists.

Dodd's attorney, John F. Sonnett, finished yesterday taking depositions from James P. Boyd, the senator's former administrative assistant who furnished Pearson and Anderson documents from Dodd's files.

The senator's depositions had been scheduled to take place starting at 10 o'clock this morning, in the office of Anderson's lawyer.

However, Sonnett proposed late yesterday that Dodd be questioned in his own office as a matter of convenience. The opposition lawyers refused, thus necessitating a ruling by U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch.